

**General Government
Veterans' Affairs**

	Revised FY 2006	Requested FY 2007	Requested FY 2008	Recommended FY 2007	Recommended FY 2008
SOURCE OF FUNDS					
General Fund					
Regular Appropriation	15,458,800	25,121,200	28,032,400	14,977,200	15,972,900
Salary Compensation Fund	1,128,600				
Base Deduction	-7,600				
Total General Fund	16,579,800	25,121,200	28,032,400	14,977,200	15,972,900
Restricted Funds					
Balance Forward	2,455,600	1,770,800	1,433,300	1,554,700	479,600
Current Receipts	23,017,000	23,827,400	27,452,100	23,638,600	24,426,100
Fund Transfers	-1,756,100				
Total Restricted Funds	23,716,500	25,598,200	28,885,400	25,193,300	24,905,700
TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS	40,296,300	50,719,400	56,917,800	40,170,500	40,878,600
EXPENDITURES BY CLASS					
Personnel Cost	32,082,800	41,677,800	44,990,500	33,540,400	34,620,500
Operating Expenses	5,981,600	6,830,300	7,120,100	6,020,500	6,128,100
Grants, Loans or Benefits	117,500	217,500	217,500	100,000	100,000
Capital Outlay	30,000	570,000	262,500	30,000	30,000
Construction	529,700				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	38,741,600	49,295,600	52,590,600	39,690,900	40,878,600
EXPENDITURES BY FUND SOURCE					
General Fund	16,579,800	25,130,700	28,047,900	14,977,200	15,972,900
Restricted Funds	22,161,800	24,164,900	24,542,700	24,713,700	24,905,700
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	38,741,600	49,295,600	52,590,600	39,690,900	40,878,600
EXPENDITURES BY UNIT					
Commissioner's Office, Field Serv's & Cemeteries	2,545,000	4,872,600	5,758,600	2,812,800	3,153,800
Kentucky Veterans' Centers	36,196,600	44,423,000	46,832,000	36,878,100	37,724,800
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The Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs (KDVA), established by KRS 40.300, assists over 370,000 Kentucky veterans and their families in applying for federal, state, and local veteran's benefits. Services include: benefits counseling and claims processing regarding the existence or availability of educational, training, and retraining facilities; health, medical rehabilitation, and housing services and facilities; employment and reemployment services; and provisions of federal, state, and local laws affording rights, privileges, and benefits to eligible veterans and their dependents. These services are supported by a cooperative network of Veterans' Benefits Field Representatives, volunteers, and personal service contracts with major veterans' organizations.

Pursuant to KRS 40.325, the Office of Kentucky Veterans' Centers within the KDVA manages Kentucky's three state veterans' nursing homes, which serve the long-term nursing care needs of Kentucky's elderly veteran population, who are about 110,000 of Kentucky's veterans.

The Thomson-Hood Veterans' Center, located in Wilmore in Jessamine County, is a 300-bed long-term nursing care facility specifically for Kentucky's elderly veteran population. The Eastern and Western Kentucky Veterans Centers, located in Hazard (Perry County), and Hanson (Hopkins County), opened in 2002. Each is a 120-bed facility that includes in-house

physician care, nurse practitioners, 24-hour nursing staff, and staffing for a rehab therapy department, barbershop, library, gift shop, laundry facility, a dietary department, and an employee child care facility.

The KDVA is required by KRS 40.315 to establish and maintain Kentucky state veterans' cemeteries. The Kentucky Veterans' Cemetery-West consists of 73 acres and is located on Highway 41A south of Hopkinsville. The facility includes an administration building, a maintenance building with service area, committal facility, a columbarium, appropriate parking, road network, walking path and landscaping. Two new veterans' cemeteries are currently under construction: the Veterans' Cemetery-Central in Ft. Knox is expected to begin operations in late fiscal year 2007, and the Veterans' Cemetery-North near Williamstown is expected to begin operations in late fiscal year 2008.

The KDVA contracts with Volunteers of America to help support the operation of a Homeless Veterans' Transitional Shelter which opened for business in April 2005 on the Leestown Veterans Administration Hospital property in Lexington.

Policy

Included in the above General Fund appropriation is \$162,700 in fiscal year 2007 and \$495,800 in fiscal year 2008 for personnel and operating costs associated with the Veterans' Cemetery-Central in Ft. Knox and the Veterans' Cemetery-North in Williamstown.

Additional funding is provided in the capital budget to construct a new cemetery in Greenup County in Northeastern Kentucky.